

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the second paragraph on page 20 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

-- Alternatively, the logic to perform the methods as discussed above, could be implemented in additional computer and/or machine readable media, such as discrete hardware components as large-scale integrated circuits (LSI's), application-specific integrated circuits (ASIC's), firmware such as electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM's); ~~and electrical, optical, acoustical and other forms of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.);~~ etc. --